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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1244

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, ICAO, CY, TU, US
SUBJECT: NORTHERN CYPRUS AIRSPACE ISSUE

REF: ANKARA 3386

1. DATT, AT REQUEST OF TFSC CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS, CALLED
UPON MR. NEVZAT ALI, DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION (DCA), AND MR.
TURHAN MUSTAFA UCHLU (UMLAUTS OVER BOTH US), DEPUTY DIR, DCA,
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ON MAY 3, 1977.

2. ALI INFORMED DATT THAT HE HAD JUST MADE A TRIP TO MONTREAL,
CANADA, TO CALL ON ICAO OFFICIALS. IN MONTREAL ALI MET
KOTAITE AND EXPLAINED THE TFSC CASE FOR ESTABLISHING THE
ERCAN APRSPACE ADVISORY SERVICE. ACCORDING TO ALI,
KOTAITE AGREED WITH THE TFSC POSITION. AGAIN, PER ALI,

ICAO IS TO PUBLISH A DOCUMENT APPROVING THE TFSC ACTION ESTABLISHING THE ADVISORY AIRSPACE SERVICE. ALI SAID THAT BECAUSE OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ICAO HE COULD NOT NOW REVEAL THE CONTENTS OF THE EXPECTED ICAO DOCUMENT.

3. ALI WAS ADAMANT THAT TFSC ACTIONS WERE PURELY TECHNICAL. THEY HAD BEEN TAKE FOR FLIGHT SAFETY REASONS AND HAD NO POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. ALI COULD SEE NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RECOGNITION OF ERCAN ADVISORY AIRSPACE SERVICE AND RECOGNITION OF TFSC AS A GOVERNMENT. ALI SAID THAT KOTAITE AGREED WITH THE TFSC POSITION ON THIS POINT. ALI SAID THAT 90-95 PERCENT OF ALL AIRCRAFT IN THE NORTHERN CYPRUS AIRSPACE USE THE ERCAN SERVICES. HE COMPLAINED THAT USAF AIRCRAFT ARE NOT COMPLYING FULLY WITH THE ERCAN NOTAM. ALI SHOWED DATT THE CONTROLLER'S LOG FOR APRIL 30, 1977 WITH 35 ENTRIES. THIRTY-TWO AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING SOME USAF PLANES, USED SERVICES OF ERCAN WHILE ONLY THREE DID NOT.

4. ALI SAID TFSC STANDS READY TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH NICOSIA FIR OFFICIALS. TFSC READY NOW TO LAY LAND LINE WITH 72 CHANNELS TO NICOSIA FIR TO EFFECT NECESSARY COORDINATION. TFSC EQUIPMENT HAD TELEPHONE AND TELETYPE CAPABILITY IN CASE BOTH VOICE AND HARD COPY INFORMATION DESIRED. IN FACT, TFSC ANXIOUS TO MAKE THIS LINK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. DATT QUESTIONED ALI ON COOPERATION OF TURKISH AIR FORCE AND TURKISH GROUND FORCES IN CYPRUS WITH ERCAN
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SERVICES. ALI SAID ALL MILITARY COOPERATE FULLY. TURKISH AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT REPORT AND ARE VECTORED INTO CYPRUS. TURKISH ARMY AIRCRAFT USE ERCAN SERVICES FOR THEIR INTERNAL TFSC FLIGHTS, AND MILITARY REPORT ALL FIRING EXERCISES THAT MIGHT AFFECT FLIGHT SAFETY. WHERE APPROPRIATE, TFSC NOTAMS ARE ISSUED IN ADVANCE. ALI SAID ALL THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE PASSED TO NICOSIA FIR IF COOPERATION AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED.

6. COMMENTS: ALI'S STATEMENTS BASICALLY AGREE WITH REFTTEL. TFSC OFFICIALS' WISH TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH GOC ON AIRSPACE CONTROL ON THEIR TERMS SEEMS SINCERE ENOUGH BUT WE DOUBT GOC WILL BE WILLING TO RETREAT ON THIS ISSUE NOW. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OR COMMENT ON ALLEGED ICAO DOCUMENT SANTIONING ERCAN AAS.
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